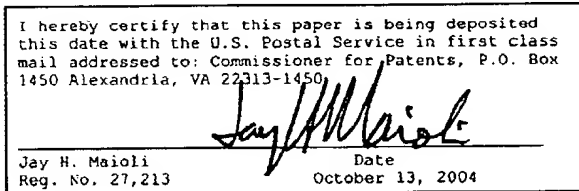




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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

X Consider the Amendment (s) / Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously mailed on August 3, 2004.

 Enclosed is an Amendment / Response.

2. Fees

X A check in the amount of \$ 790.00 is enclosed to cover the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117 (e).

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3125.

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